

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 26, 2014

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Examiners for Optometry met on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

**Board members in attendance: Board members not in attendance:
David Mills, O.D., M.B.A.**

**Samuel Montalto, O.D., R.Ph Staff members in attendance:
Maria Sampalis, O.D. J. Michel Martineau
Louise DiChiara Pastore, O.D., R.Ph. Steve Morris, Esq.**

A quorum was established at 8:45 AM, Members review the agenda.

Dr. Mills asks the reschedule the meeting planned for September 17, 2014 to another date. The administrator will communicate with all members via email to determine an alternative date.

Communications

Members review a communication from NBEO. Members state there is a cost for certification and optometrists must take and pass the TMOD examination. Dr. Mills states that based on the year of graduation some may not qualify to sit for the TMOD. Members indicate RI does not require certification and note there are competing certification groups.

Drs. Mills and Sampalis indicate effective with the class of 2007 all optometry graduates are Glaucoma certified and graduates from 1997 through 2006 must take the TMOD to be Glaucoma certified.

The minutes of the open session held on September 25, 2013 were presented. Dr. Mills made a motion to accept the Minutes, seconded by Dr. Sampalis, it was unanimously passed.

Members review a communication from James V. McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer for the RI BMLD; it references proposed legislation addressing pharmaceutical agents, specifically hydrocodone. The matter is also supported by Stephen M. Montaquila, O.D., F.A.O.O. Dr. Mills

made a motion to pass and accept the proposed legislation,

seconded by Dr. Sampalis, it was unanimously passed.

Under Previous Business, Dr. Mills addresses the sale of decorative contact lens at a kiosk at a nearby mall, a matter that was reported to HEALTH by RIOA. The kiosk has no licensed staff. The administrator states board counsel Steve Morris determined that the sale decorative contact lens appears to be illegal, but the controlling authority is not HEALTH, it is with the FDA. It is determined the matter should be Forwarded to the FDA. Dr. Mills directs the administrator to notify RIOA of this action.

Adjournment to Executive Session

Dr. Mills made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Louise DiChiara Pastore, it unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 9:05 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 9:25 am.

On motion of Dr. Mills, seconded by Dr. Sampalis, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and

ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

Dr. Mills reports the minutes of the closed session held on January 23, 2012 were accepted and unanimously passed.

C13-073 Dismissed

OPTOM 2011-02 Terms of Consent Order are completed.

Licenses granted since the most recent meeting held on January 22, 2014 through March 25, 2014 include:

No new licenses for the above time frame.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Dr. Mills, seconded by Dr. Sampalis, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

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